REMARKS

The Board has affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 12-17, 20-21 and 29-32. Prior to appeal, however, claims 24-28, 33 were 34 allowed, and claims 18, 22 and 23 were indicated as being allowable but objected to for depending from a rejected claim.

Consistent with the Board's Decision and the status of the claims prior to the appeal, Applicant has amended claims 18 and 22-23 into independent form including the features from the respective base claims, as well as the intervening claims. Claims 1-17, 19-21, and 29-32 now stand cancelled. Therefore, all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice indicating such is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge $220 for one additional independent claim to Deposit Account No. 19-2189. If any additional fees or extensions are required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2189.

If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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